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HABITAT MATCH

QUICK FACTS:

The earth's surface has a great variety of habitats (or places where groups live together), ranging from oceans, lakes and rivers, to deserts, wetlands, mountains, and grasslands. To survive in these different environments, animals have special features, or adaptations. Developed over time, these adaptations help animals obtain food, protect themselves against enemies, and cope with diverse weather conditions.

For example, birds have tremendous adaptations that allow them to live all over the world. They can live in places where it is extremely cold, or places where it is extremely hot. They can live in the water or in the desert. They can live high up in the mountains or at sea level!

ACTIVITY

MATERIALS

- Habitat Cards

WARM UP

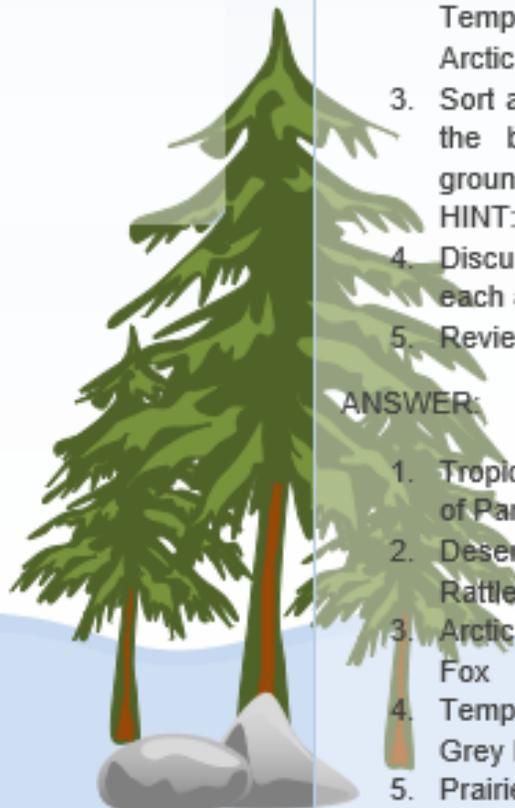
Begin by asking children to name a few animals they have observed at the park. What habitat is the park? Do we have the same animals here as the other habitats like the jungle or the desert? Discuss different animals that you would find in various habitats.

READY, SET, GO!

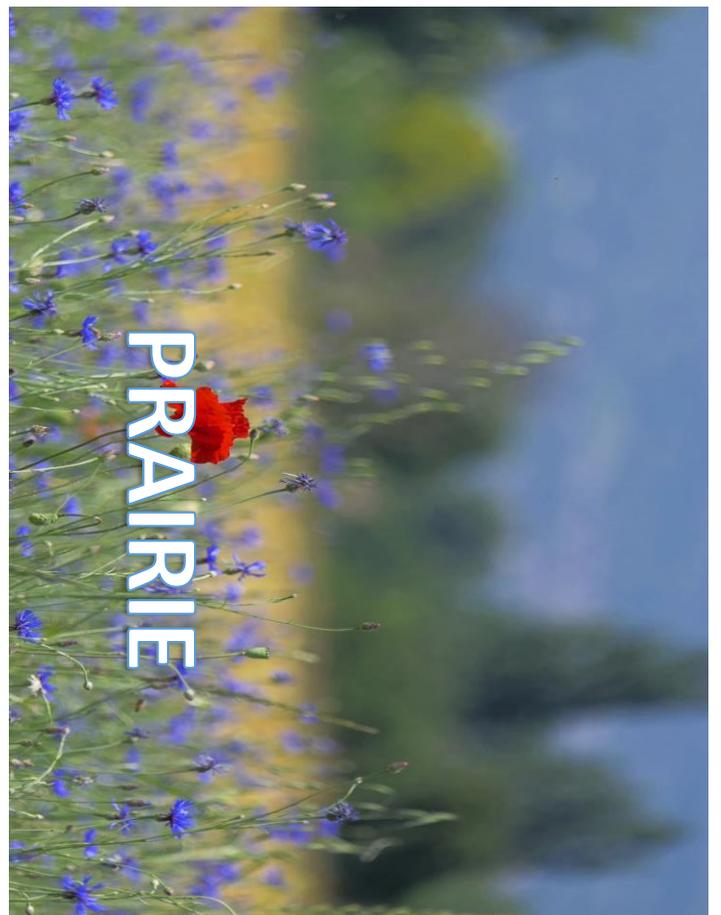
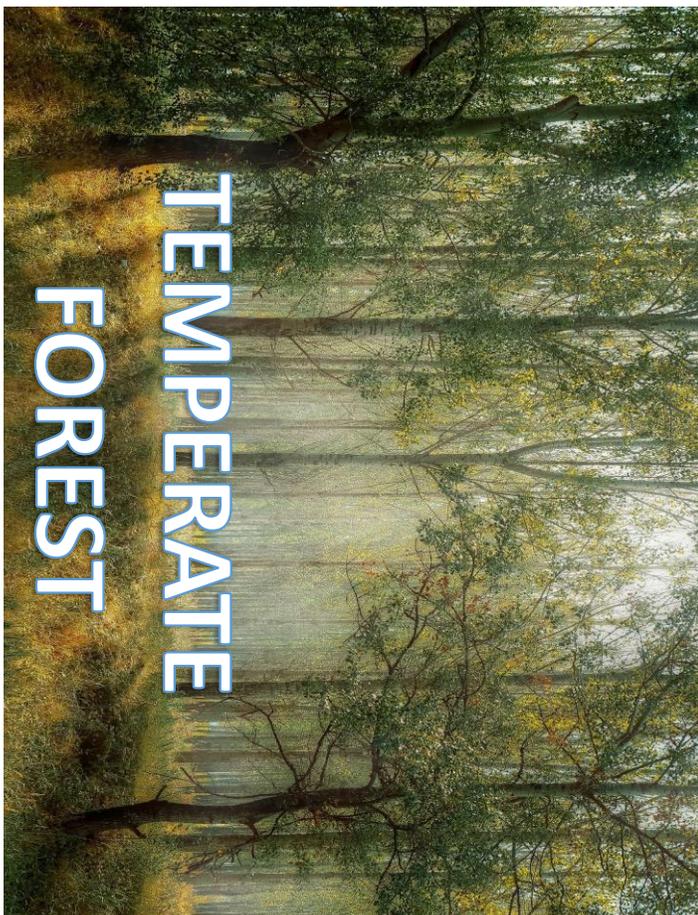
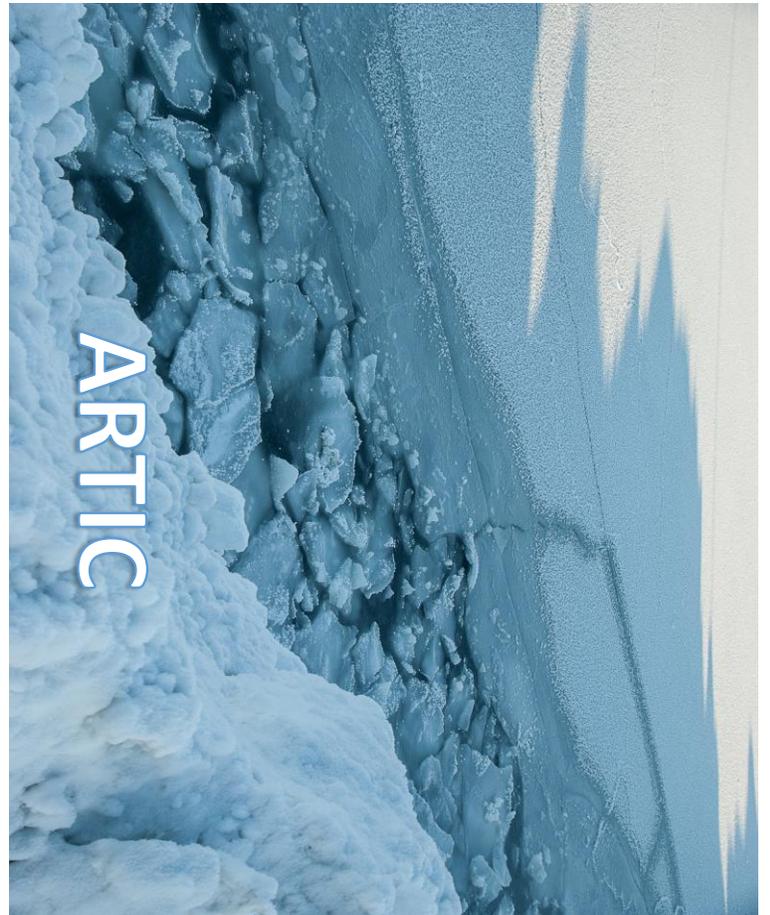
1. Spread the habitat cards face up.
2. Explain to your child that you will sort the habitats into 5 habitats; Desert, Temperate Forest, Tropical Forest, Arctic, and Prairie
3. Sort all of the cards. Look for clues in the background i.e. snow on the ground, leaves on the trees or sand. HINT: 3 animals are in each habitat.
4. Discuss with children why they sorted each animal into the habitats
5. Review animals.

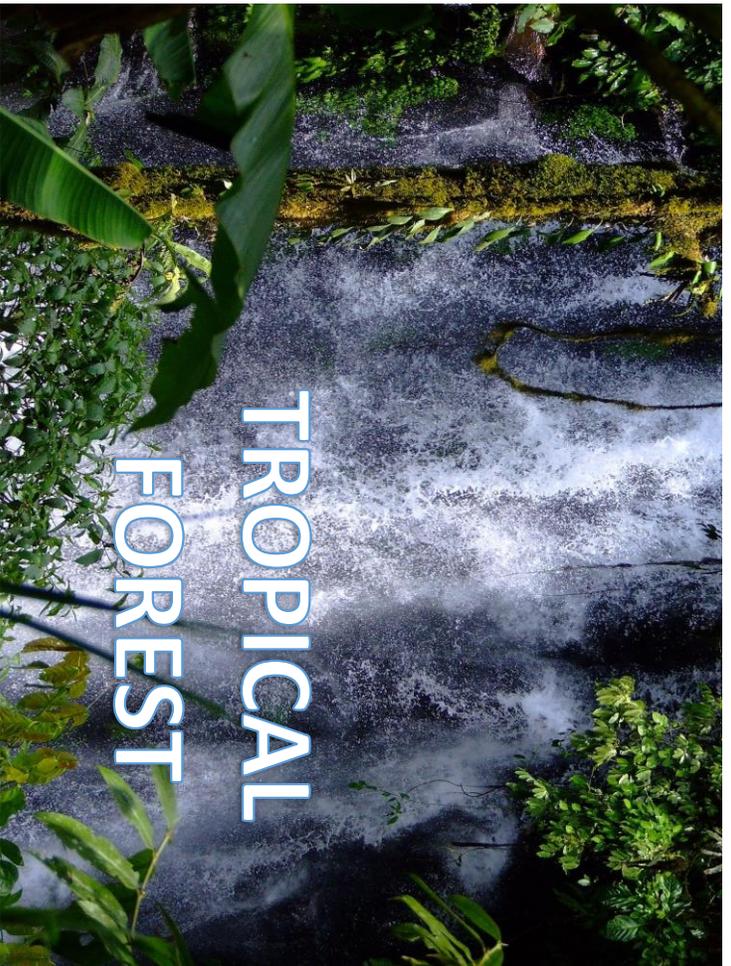
ANSWER:

1. Tropical Forest: Monkey, Tiger, Bird of Paradise
2. Desert: Tortoise, Pocket Mouse, Rattlesnake,
3. Arctic: Polar Bear, Artic Hare, Artic Fox
4. Temperate Forest: Northern Cardinal, Grey Fox, Copperhead
5. Prairie: Prairie Dog, Jack Rabbit, American Bison.



Habitat Cards: Print, cut, match!

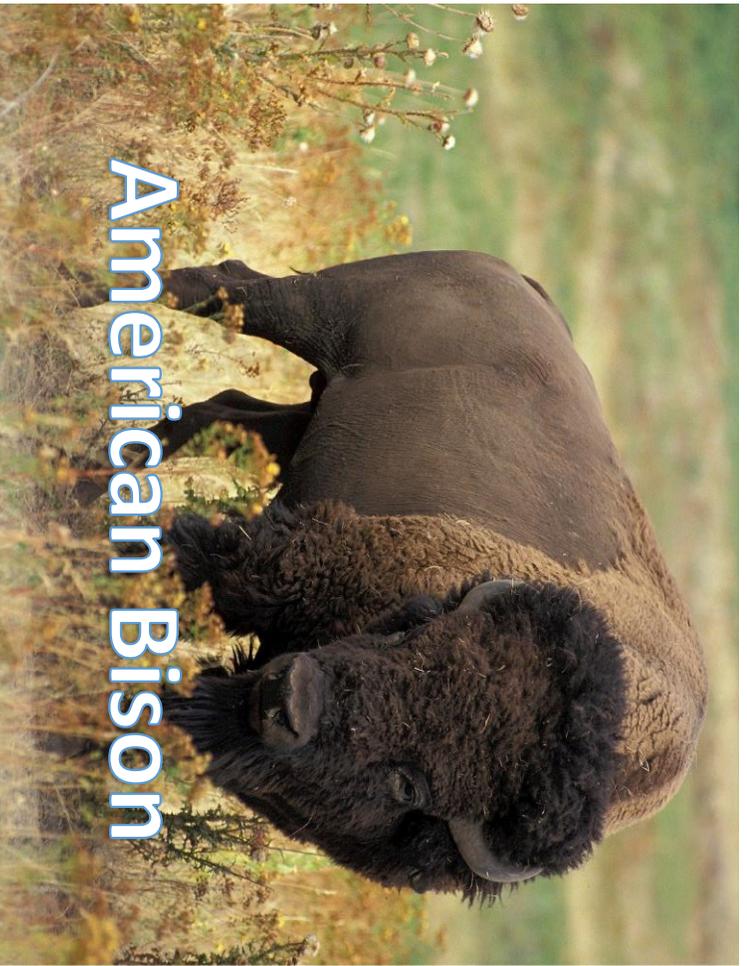




TROPICAL
FOREST



Monkey



American
Bison



Tiger



Tortoise



Bird of Paradise



Pocket Mouse



Northern Cardinal



Polar Bear



Arctic Fox



Jack Rabbit



Grey Fox

